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It will be seen that the Episcopal Church is less well represented in the vicinity of St. Peter's than it is throughout the rest of the city, on the average, but that in St. Peter's own census tract, the proportion is fairly high, although the numbers are low. St. Peter's Church reports just under a quarter of the resident Episcopalians and finds just under a third of its own members within its parish area.

THE CHURCH PROGRAM

In addition to the material requested in the Church Self-Study Form, St. Peter's Church submitted extra material which was very helpful as the General Division of Research and Field Study attempted to compose a picture of the life of the congregation. The attention of the members of St. Peter's is directed to the Self-Study Form and its addenda, which are reproduced in the accompanying pages of this report. That form is part of the background for the discussion and recommendations for St. Peter's Church, but some comments may be in order at this time.

On the usual Sunday, about 38% of the reported baptized members are in church or church school. That figure is somewhat lower than the more frequently reported attendance levels of 45% to 50%. About 88% of the communicants are regular in church attendance, but the weekly celebrations of Holy Communion are attended by about 3%.

The Sunday sections of the Christian Education Program are small, reaching about 15 youngsters in all, but the congregation is re-vitalizing its Parochial School as part of its overall educational program. There are adult classes during Lent, as well as part of the activities of the organizations of the congregation being devoted to Christian education.

Apparently through an oversight, there is no report on any of the congregation's organizations, nor is there any information concerning the history of the clergy.

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For the purposes of this Survey, the census tract in which St. Peter's Church is located (5-A), and the six adjoining census tracts, have been arbitrarily designated as the parish area for St. Peter's. The following tables give information on population characteristics of that area, but the data should be used with caution since they are already five years old. The first table shows for two tracts a loss of population, a loss which would probably be reflected in other tracts, if the data were available. It also shows a wide variation of age ranges, though some should be regarded with skepticism since they represent very small populations. The congregation has a varied ministry close at hand, some tracts having a sizeable proportion of youngsters while others have large proportions of older adults. All in all, however, the parish area was relatively lightly populated as of 1960. It will be noted that approximately 38% of the population was reported as non-white, the proportions varying greatly from tract to tract.

Census Tract	Population		% Change	% 14 & Under	% 65 & Over	% Non-White
	1950	1960				
4-A	NA	2,990		28.3	9.9	46.0
4-B	NA	3,981		28.8	10.2	67.7
5-A	6,982	3,378	-51.6	18.7	14.3	20.4
6-A	1,031	421	-59.2	20.2	15.4	33.3
7-A	NA	7,219		11.9	1.2	44.2
8-A	NA	286		3.5	21.0	2.4
8-B	NA	3,240		4.7	13.9	4.4
Total		21,515				38.3

The next table gives information on the education of the adults, aged 25 years of age or more as of 1960. In general, the educational level is modest, the median number of school years completed by those adults ranging from seven and one-half to nine, only one tract having a higher median educational level.

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The property of St. Peter's Church includes almost an entire city block between Third and Fourth Streets and between Lombard and Pine Streets. The corner of the block which is not presently owned by the congregation may well be purchased by the parish for an expansion of the Parochial School and for the construction of a separate parish house. The church building itself is a brick structure, over 200 years old and in excellent condition. Regular maintenance, especially in recent years, has kept it sound, and attractive looking. Separate from the church building is the structure housing the Parochial School and the parish house facilities. Present plans call for the demolition of that building and the replacing of it by a more adequate structure. Across Pine Street from the church building is the rectory, one unit of a row of houses. That residence is in good condition, needing only minor improvements. The congregation also owns a camp, details of which were not included in the Church Self-Study Form, apparently through an oversight.

THE CHURCH NEIGHBORHOOD

St. Peter's Church property is in one of the oldest sections of Philadelphia, an area which is changing rapidly due to Urban Renewal and renovation programs. The construction of highways, the improvement of buildings, and the erection of new dwelling units and institutions are steadily changing the character of the church vicinity. Until recently, much of the property has been neglected, and many of the residents have been of very low income. Provision will be made for a proportion of those people to remain, but the general trend will be for a rise in the income level of the residents, over the years to come.

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Census Tract	Ed. of Adults 25 Yrs. of Age & Over			Median Ed.
	% H.S. Grad.	% Coll. 1-3 Yrs.	% Coll. Grad.	
4-A	10.4	1.9	0.5	8.0
4-B	6.8	2.2	0.2	7.5
5-A	17.6	7.3	7.6	9.0
6-A	8.7	9.4	11.0	8.1
7-A	16.8	7.1	10.5	9.0
8-A	21.2	4.9	6.6	9.0
8-B	22.0	11.0	11.3	11.1

The next table presents information derived from a summary of the membership maps prepared for this Survey by the churches of the diocese. It shows the strength of the Episcopal Church and the relative strength of St. Peter's Church in its parish area. For purposes of comparison it should be noted that throughout the City of Philadelphia, the Episcopal Church reaches people equal in number to 2.0% of the population.

Census Tract	Total Pop.	Total Epis.	% Of Pop. Epis.	Total Parish Memb.	% Epis. Memb.	% Parish Memb.
4-A	2,990	11	0.4	6	54.5	2.7
4-B	3,981	9	0.2	0	----	---
5-A	3,378	78	2.3	36	46.2	16.5
6-A	421	15	3.6	5	33.3	2.3
7-A	7,219	67	0.9	12	17.9	5.5
8-A	286	17	5.9	2	11.8	0.9
8-B	3,240	85	2.6	9	10.6	4.1
Total	21,515	282	1.3	70	24.8	32.0

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Of the annual income of approximately \$68,600.00, pledges account for about 37%. The average annual pledge income, including pew-rent income, is about \$81.00 per communicant, a figure which should be compared with the diocesan average pledge income of \$46.00 and the national average of \$56.00. In spite of the high level of pledged income, it does not seem that such receipts cover the current expenditures, aside from the expenses of the parochial school. The congregation might wish to consider the proposal that current expenses should be met from current income, preferably from pledges.

It is reported that the clergy make about 36 calls each week on behalf of the congregation, following a regular system. Lay participation in evangelism is sporadic, and the congregation has expressed some concern over this. The clergy and other members of the congregation are active in civic affairs, and are also active throughout the diocese.

The report of the parochial school accompanies that of the church, but has not been extensively evaluated by the General Division of Research and Field Study.

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REPORTED MEMBERSHIP AND FINANCIAL DATA FROM JOURNALS

From 1940 to 1963, the membership figures for St. Peter's Church have shown a fairly constant downward trend. Baptisms and confirmations have been few in number and low in proportion to the communicant strength. Unless the trends are reversed soon, and with considerable strength, St. Peter's Church will find itself with an excellent and well maintained building, but with very few members.

From 1961 through 1963, the average annual expenditures per communicant for St. Peter's Church were \$222.65, a figure which is about three times the diocesan average expenditure of \$73.71 per communicant. During those same three years, however, the total reported expenditures for the parish decreased annually, continuing a trend which dates back to 1950.

From 1961 through 1963, St. Peter's Church set aside 14.3% of its total reported expenditures for work outside of the parish, a figure which compares with the diocesan average of 14.9%. Altogether, the congregation had an average annual expenditure per communicant for work outside of the parish of \$31.79 for those three years. The corresponding diocesan average was \$10.45.

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DISCUSSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

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The congregation of St. Peter's Church submitted a great deal of material covering its history, the present, and the plans for the future. As that material clearly shows, St. Peter's Church has been engaged in an analysis of its circumstances and its potentials, an analysis which has extended over several years. The plans call for a combination of long-range thinking and flexibility to meet the many changes in the neighborhood. Developments in the area are expected to include the steady increase in the number of fairly expensive apartment houses and the consequent decrease of lower income families. There are institutions in the neighborhood, primarily medical, to which the congregation ministers and will continue to minister. The members are aware, also, of the present residents of the neighborhood and are ministering to them as effectively as possible, given the limited amount of contact between the groups. The congregation is steadily improving the parochial school, is well along on its program of improvement and modernization of buildings and grounds, and has undertaken an improvement of the financial stewardship of its members. At the present, the pledge receipts are equal to about 37% of the total receipts. It is suggested that the congregation consider the proposition that pledges and open-plate offerings should be sufficient to cover the total current operating expenses of the congregation, leaving income from endowments and other special sources to be used for advance work.

Another area of consideration by the congregation is the attendance at Sunday services. According to the figures available in the Self-Study Form, about 38% of the 326 persons are in church regularly. If, however, the reported membership from maps, 217, is used, the proportion of churchgoers works out to 57%. The first level of attendance should be cause for concern while the second is commendable.

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St. Peter's Church, in spite of its relatively small size as a group of people, has great resources at its command, especially in experience. The General Division of Research and Field Study urges that even greater use of those resources may be made available to the diocese than is presently the case. Particular urgency is placed on cooperation among the Episcopal churches which are serving the nearby distinctive area of Central Philadelphia.

St. Peter's Church is planning, in cooperation with the city, for the utilization of the entire city block on which the church and other property stands. That use will include the expansion of the parish day school and its playground area, as well as uses which are more strictly directed toward the life of the congregation. As those long-range plans are drawn, it is hoped that attention will be paid to St. Peter's Camp which, according to the material received, is now being used far less effectively than it might be. Stewardship of property should include the greatest possible use for the people who can benefit most. If the congregation of St. Peter's finds that it is not able to make effective use of the camp, possibly other congregations in the diocese might be able to benefit.

GENERAL DIVISION OF RESEARCH AND FIELD STUDY
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CHURCH SELF-STUDY FORM

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I. IDENTIFICATION

Church St. Peter's in Philadelphia

Street Third and Pine Streets City Philadelphia

County Philadelphia Diocese Pennsylvania

Parish or Mission Parish State Pennsylvania

What geographic area does this church serve?

Center City Philadelphia, adjacent suburbs (including parts of the Camden, New Jersey area)

II. THE CHURCH NEIGHBORHOOD

A. The church is located in a section of the city which is occupied by:

Downtown commercial uses X Industrial uses X Apartment dwellings X

Rooming houses X Single-home dwellings X A college X Military
uses Other institutions X

B. If more than one type is checked above, please clarify:

Downtown, Redevelopment area (Society Hill) Large areas being transformed from industrial to residential.

C. Is the church neighborhood changing in any way? Describe:

Very markedly. Great City experiment in area redevelopment,
with emphasis on restoring old Colonial residential area.

D. The following schools are located within the church neighborhood:

PUBLIC GRADESCHOOLS

ADDRESS

McCall Elementary School

Sixth and DeLancey Streets

PUBLIC JUNIOR AND SENIOR
HIGH SCHOOLS

ADDRESS

None

PRIVATE OR PAROCHIAL NURSERY SCHOOLS

ADDRESS

YMHA

Broad and Pine Streets

PRIVATE OR PAROCHIAL GRADE SCHOOLS

ADDRESS

St. Peter's School for Boys

Third and Pine Streets

PRIVATE OR PAROCHIAL JUNIOR AND SENIOR
HIGH SCHOOLS

ADDRESS

None

JUNIOR COLLEGES AND COLLEGES

ADDRESS

Jefferson Medical College

Ninth and Locust Streets

Pennsylvania School of Nursing

Eighth and Spruce Streets

Pennsylvania Museum College
of Art

College: Broad and Pine
Dormitory: Seventh and Delancey

E. The following churches are located within the church neighborhood:

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IV. THE LOCAL CONGREGATION

A. Church properties:

1. Describe and give location of all land owned by the congregation reporting the use of each parcel.

SEE ATTACHED TO THIS PAGE.

2. Type of church building: Frame Brick X Stone Other (type)

Describe the church building, giving number of sittings; condition of building; and improvements needed, with estimated cost:

The Church was built in 1758-'61 by Robert Smith noted
Master-Builder of the Colonial period. It has remained
unchanged through the centuries and is considered one of
the best examples of "Georgian" architecture anywhere.

Restoration and repairs were made two years ago on all
structural need. With the exception of routine painting all is
in excellent condition Replacement Value \$437,100 Amount of insurance carried \$ 90%

3. Type of parish hall or house: Attached Separated X ;

In basement of the church ; Frame Brick X

Stone X Other (type)

Describe, giving the number of rooms, the condition of the building, and improvements needed, with the estimated cost.

Combined Parish House and Parochial School building. See
accompanying Parochial School Survey Report for details.

Plans being made for expansion of the School which will
necessitate demolition of present structure and replace-
ment of present facilities. This to take place in the
next two to three years.

Replacement value \$159,300 Amount of insurance carried \$ 90%

4. Type of rectory or clergy house: Attached _____ Separated X ;
Frame _____ Brick X Stone _____ Other _____
(type)

Describe, giving the number of rooms, the condition of this building, and improvements needed, with estimated cost.

The Blackwell House , now called St. Peter's House, built partly in 1790 and partly in 1805, has thirteen rooms and

four and one half baths. Improvements needed; approximately \$1,500. Changes due to redevelopment and restoration of area.

Is it used as a clergy residence? Yes If not, what use is made of the building?

Replacement value: \$ 38,400 Insurance carried: \$ 90%

5. Describe all other buildings owned or used by the congregation, giving (a) type of construction; (b) number of rooms; (c) condition; (d) improvements needed and estimated cost; (e) replacement value; (f) amount of insurance carried; and (g) present use.

None

Camp Land and Buildings included in Report of Youth Work Committee.

Fine Arts \$136,825. 90%

Contents of Buildings 34,500 90%

Camp 9,000 \$6,000

B. Membership (secure from parish records):

1. Number of church families: Total number 76

Number of individuals not in families 117

2. Baptized membership	Communicants	Church School
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<u>1950</u>	<u>1960</u>	<u>Now</u>	<u>1950</u>	<u>1960</u>	<u>Now</u>	<u>1950</u>	<u>1960</u>	<u>Now</u>
—	<u>431</u>	<u>326</u>	—	<u>352</u>	<u>311</u>		<u>20</u>	<u>16</u>

3. Number of baptized members who were removed from the parish list	5 yrs. ago	4 yrs. ago	3 yrs. ago	2 yrs. ago	Last year
	<u>20</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>29</u>	<u>34</u>

Number of baptized members who were added to the parish list	<u>8</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>14</u>	18	14
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4. Communicants added:

By confirmation from Episcopal families	<u>--</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>
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By confirmation from other Churches	<u>5</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>2</u>
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By reception from other Churches		--	1	3	--
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By baptism and confirma-
tion from no church

Total	<u>14</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>7</u>
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5. Attendance:

Number of communicants who attended regularly last year 271

Number of communicants who attended occasionally 20

Number who did not attend last year, but lived in the community

Number of communicants who did not live in the community,
but were on the parish records, not transferred

6. How many persons attended the last annual business meeting? 158

V. WORSHIP

A. List schedule of regular Sunday services, including church school:

TYPE OF SERVICE	HOUR	ATTENDANCE (Adults & Children)*		
		LOW	AVERAGE	HIGH
Holy Communion	9	6	12	25
Church School	10	6	12	20
Morning Prayer (2 & 4)	11	50	100	300
Holy Communion (1 & 3)	11	50	100	300
Evensong	5pm	10	25	300

*Use figures from Church Service Register

B. Weekday services:

TYPE OF SERVICE	DAY AND HOUR	ATTENDANCE*		
		LOW	AVERAGE	HIGH
School Chapel Service	Mon.-Fri., 8:30	25	30	40
Saint and Holy Days (H.C.)	12:5	4	8	20
Lent (H.C.)	Wed. 12:15	30	40	50

*Use figures from the Church Service Register

C. Special services or missions held during the average year (including Lent):

Historical Societies and organization holding special worship
services at St. Peter's. Lenten Evensong Wednesday evenings.

Alumni Day for St. Peter's School. Alumni Memorial service.

Class Day service.

D. Number and nature of services in which this congregation participates with other Episcopal congregations. State average attendance from this congregation:

No continuing scheduled services of this nature. However, on
special occasions there have been joint services.

E. What experiments or adjustments have been made in changing the hours or the format of services? Comment on results:

Variety of Prayer Book Worship Services are used at all hours
of worship services. This may mean Morning Prayer and Litany,
Holy Communion with Procession of Elements, Processionals in
Church (Choir and/or Gospel), Shortened Morning Prayer, Litany
and Ante Communion, Evening Prayer with Litany or Family Prayer.
The choice of worship service is dependent upon Church Season
and occasion. Results are well accepted and meaningful.

F. Additional information about Sunday services:

1. Are birthdays, anniversaries, and the departed regularly remembered? No
Only on request.
2. Is there a coffee or hospitality hour after any service? Yes
3. Is baby care provided during any service? No

VI. CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

A. Church School

1. Registration and attendance

a. Teachers and staff Two

b. Students 15

Total 17

c. Lowest total classroom attendance during the past year 3

d. Highest total classroom attendance during the past year (except for Christmas and Easter) 14

e. Are absentee cards used? no

f. How many months of the year is the church school in operation? 10

g. If teachers call on students in case of absence, or for other reasons, please give details. generally write letters concerning their absence

2. Worship schedule

<u>CLASS OR DEPARTMENT</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>HOOR</u>	<u>DURATION</u>	<u>LEADER</u>
<u>Both classes meet at 10. a.m. for 45 minutes; then proceed to</u>				
<u>the Church building to participate in the worship service of</u>				
<u>the day. Children sit in the pew with their parents when</u>				
<u>they come as requested. Otherwise they sit with their</u>				
<u>teacher.</u>				

3. Instruction schedule

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4. List the teaching aids used, including audio-visual material.

drawing books for younger children, crayons, materials for
making advent wreaths, palm for crosses.

easel and blackboards for drawing and writing, slide projector and
motion picture 16 m.m. sound equipment

5. Describe the program for pre-school children.

(Children too young to participate in classes ^{are} brought to
the worship service by their parents and permitted to "play" on the
floor of the inclosed pew.

6. Data on the teaching staff

- a. How are teachers recruited? volunteers

- b. Describe the way in which teachers are trained, giving the number of sessions, the leaders, etc.

both teachers have been day school teachers and from their
reading of church school material seem to be equipped to provide for
the instruction of the children.

- c. How are teachers assisted in the performance of their duties?

supported by the rector and his clergy staff

- d. Summary of teachers' backgrounds

AGE	Number	EDUCATION	Number	YEARS TEACHING	Number
19 years or less	___	Grade school	___	one	___
20 to 29	___	Junior high	___	two	___
30 to 39	___	Senior high	___	three	___
40 to 49	___	1 to 3 years College	___	four	___
50 years or more	<u>two</u>	College grad.	<u>one</u>	five	___
		Graduate study	<u>one</u>	6 to 10	___
Male	<u>one</u>			11 to 20	<u>two</u>
Female	<u>one</u>			20 and over	___
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7. What problems does the church school have? _____

The procurement of more students.

The more regular attendance of those who do come.

Parents ^{not} worshipping with their children at services.

B. Vacation Church School

1. When is it held? *None*

2. For how long each day? _____

3. What type of courses are taught? _____

4. How many children attend, usually? _____

5. How many of these children are regular pupils of this congregation's church school? _____

6. How many teachers are there? _____

C. Released Time Program

1. When are classes held? *None*

2. What type of courses are taught? _____

3. How many of this congregation's children attend? _____

4. What is the relationship of the teachers to this congregation? _____

5. What is the relationship of the Released Time classes to the Christian education program of this congregation? _____

D. Day School: If the congregation has a day school, please fill out the Parochial School Report Form and submit it with this report.

See parochial School report

E. Confirmation Instruction

1. Children

- a. What is the usual age of confirmation? 12 b. How many instruction sessions are held? 8 c. How long is each session? 1 hour d. Who is the instructor? Teachers e. What material is used? Prayer Book, Bible, Special material f. What is the relationship of the confirmation class material to the regular church school curriculum? Combined

2. Adults

- a. How many sessions are held? 8 b. How long is each session? 1 hour c. Who is the instructor? Clergy d. What material is used? Various texts as found good

F. Adult Education

1. List the general adult education program in the congregation, including Bible classes, parents' classes, discussion groups, etc.

NAME OF GROUP	NUMBER OF MEMBERS	NUMBER OF MEETINGS	LENGTH OF MEETINGS	INSTRUCTOR
<u>Women of St. Peter's</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>1hr.</u>	<u>Clergy</u>
<u>" " " " (Night)</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>1hr.</u>	<u>Various</u>
<u>Lenten Study</u>	<u>40</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>1½hrs.</u>	<u>Clergy</u>
<u>Bible Study</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>1hr.</u>	<u>Clergy</u>

X. FINANCE

A. Income (Last Full Year): (1) Pledges \$25,383.82 (2) Plate offerings \$2,589.85 (3) Parish or mission organizations \$10,832.91 (4) Endowments \$25,998.91 (5) Special fund drives \$2,704.77 (6) Other (please specify) \$627.28 - CHURCH School

\$490.00 - PEW RENTS

	1940	1945	1950	1955	1960	Last Full Year
B. Disbursements						
Total current expenses					\$39,359.13	30,832.46 53,997.18
Diocesan Assessment				848.76	1,374.32	1,201.50
Missionary Disbursements					13,191.31	11,140.38 17,065.18
Special parish expense					6,976.60	10,091.35 17,682.05

Clergy salary or salaries:
from congregation

a) _____ 7,299.96 8,000.00 9,000.00

b) _____

from other sources

a) _____

b) _____

Rental value of the rectory \$ 43,000.00

Is the church in debt? No Amount of debt \$ _____ Method of repayment _____

Finance (cont'd)

7. Is a thorough Every Member Canvass conducted each year? Yes

If yes, by mail or personal solicitation? Solicitation Describe the training of the canvassers. A central EMC committee plans all details then has three training sessions of canvassors with mail going out describing to the Parish what is to happen.

8. What other means of fund raising or stewardship education are used?

None

9. If this is a mission or aided parish, what is the potential for self-support? _____

10. Additional comments or information on finances:

Finances in good shape after reorganization and with the institution of a budget. Need to have committee chairmen aware of planning ahead so budget can handle the work.

C. Travel:

1. Does the priest have a car? Yes
2. By whom is the car purchased? Priest X Congregation _____ Diocese _____
3. How much is the annual operating expense of the car, omitting depreciation? \$ \$800
4. By whom is the operating expense paid? \$600 allotted by Parish; rest by clergyman.
5. How much does the local congregation pay? \$600
6. Average number of miles traveled per month on church business 300

XI. CHRISTIAN EVANGELISM AND VISITATION

A. Clergy pastoral calling during the past year by rector or vicar:*

TYPE OF CALL	NUMBER OF CALLS PER WEEK		
	LOW	AVERAGE	HIGH
1. Family or routine parish	<u>6</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>35</u>
2. Sick or emergency	<u>0</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>15</u>
3. Calls for other purposes	<u>0</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>20</u>
4. Time set aside for pastoral calling:			

Rector is also Headmaster of School: No time is set aside. It is what is needed and can be taken.

5. How do the clergy organize their parish calling? _____

A routine has now been established for regular calling at hospitals, homes, shut-ins, sick etc.

H.C. once a month to shut-ins. Regular Parish calls once a year. Hospital, homes etc. once a week

6. How do the clergy organize their calling on the unchurched and newcomers?

Calls made as people are discovered to move into the neighborhood, as they make themselves known by coming to Church, as members of the Parish make people known.

7. Time spent in pastoral counseling (average hours per week) 20

* Please give similar information, separately, for other clergy.

B. Lay calling:

1. Describe the Zone or Neighborhood Organization. _____

An attempt was made to establish a Zone or Neighborhood system. After much time and trial it did not work. The people asked to do it did not function.

2. Describe the program of lay pastoral visitation, including the number of participants and the time spent.

There is no program at this time, though that is under consideration in the steering committee as outlined on page K-29 (XV B). Visitations are now made by individuals as they are moved to K₂₅ so.

3. Describe the program of lay evangelism (including the congregation's approach to newcomers and to the unchurched), giving the number of participants and the amount of time.

Very good results have been made by the use of recognizing new people as they attend church and approaching them and talking with them. Also the use of a very friendly coffee hour. Coffee hour twice a month. 30 people

4. How are newcomers integrated into the life of this congregation?

Quite easily and with little problem.

5. Describe any religious census of the area made by the congregation itself or with other churches during the last ten years.

The congregation per se has not done any census in the past ten years. The staff has during the past five years been working on a census much like this one.

XII. COMMUNICATIONS

- A. What use is made of the press? Advertising, articles, releases special features.

- B. What use is made of radio and/or television?

Choir on both radio and television.

- C. What use is made of the U.S. Mail? Monthly Bulletin, special letters, announcements.

- D. Describe the regular publications which are mailed or distributed, including Sunday bulletins, parish newsletters, etc.

A monthly Bulletin 6-8 mimeographed pages. Announcements, articles, news, teaching sent to Parish. A weekly pew bulletin with worship services, announcements and teaching.

- E. How many church road signs are there? 4

XIII. NEIGHBORHOOD OR COMMUNITY

- A. Is this congregation community-minded? Yes
- B. Describe the clergy participation in community affairs. Yes:
Historical Societies, Youth Conservation work, Home Owners Assn.,
City Dedications, Volunteer Chaplain Program to three hospitals,
Special City Activities, Zoning and Building Hearings, Court Cases
- C. Describe the participation of the congregation in community affairs.
Home Owners Association, Hospital Work, Local Area Activities,
City Planning, City Hearings, Area Redevelopment of Homes
- D. Describe the general parish program for the community (including such church-sponsored programs as Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, etc.):
Community Choral Group, Parochial School, Home Owners Assn.
Navy Yard Twenty-five Year Club,
- E. List community organizations using the parish hall and its facilities:
Navy Yard Twenty-five Year Club
Home Owners Association
Open Door Vacation Bible School
City Playground
- F. Describe the way in which the congregation cooperates with other religious bodies:
Member of Council of Churches World Day of Prayer
Joint Fourth of July Worship Provide Parking Lot
Special Anniversary Worship Services
World Council of Churches Clothing Collection Point

XIV. PARTICIPATION IN DIOCESAN AND NATIONAL CHURCH PROGRAMS:

A. What offices do the clergy hold in the diocese, missionary district, or National Church? None

B. What offices do the lay people hold in the diocese, missionary district, or National Church? Secretary South Philadelphia Convocation, Council for the Aged, Chairman of Department of Laymen, Secretary Bishop White Prayer Book Society, Council for College Work,

C. ~~Department of Christian Education.~~ What diocesan or National Church programs have directly benefited this congregation? Department of Laymens Work, Every Member Canvass

D. Describe the men's participation in diocesan programs: Council of Churches, Brotherhood of St. Andrew, Convocation of South Phila., Laymen's Week Observances, Serving in various capacities in Diocesan Convention Activities and other special committees.

E. Describe the women's participation in diocesan programs: U.T.O., Altar Guild, Needlework Guild, Hostess for special diocesan activities as held in the Parish,

F. Describe youth participation in diocesan programs: _____

St. Peter's Camp

Boy's and Men's Choir Activities

G. Does this congregation pay its full Missionary Share or Quota? Yes

H. What percent of the congregation's budget does for missionary work? 25%

XV. STAFF

- A. List all paid personnel working for this congregation, giving title, function, and salary, and telling whether full or part-time.

Rector- Headmaster of School	\$9,000
Missionary Assistant	6,000
Parish Secretary	4,000
Choir Master	4,000 (part time)
Sexton	3,600
Sexton	3,000

- B. Describe the use of volunteer personnel by this congregation.

In connection with the School, individuals are used in the kitchen, doing errands, bookkeeping. In Parish work people have been used in the cataloguing of old books and historic manuscripts, in the various organizations, and in the refurbishing of the Parish House for painting and making drapes. Basically the congregation has not been one of many volunteers: there has been a tendency to let the staff do all the work or to hire some one to do it. A planning and steering committee has been established to deal with this problem and rectify this failure.

XVI. FUTURE POLICY, PROGRAM, AND BUDGET

A. In adopting a policy for an expanded program for this congregation, in order to vitalize its Christian witness to the community; to extend its outreach of Christian fellowship to all the unchurched; to increase initiative and responsibility for all members of the congregation; to develop local financial resources with a view towards self-support and parochial status (if not already attained); and to further other essential advances, what are the immediate needs as to:

1. Personnel: Contingent on the proposed plans and work to
enlarge Parochial School. Parish has just
added clergyman for Missionary Work Coordina-
tion.
2. Buildings: New Parish House-School being planned, New
use of present Rectory being planned with
the possible acquisition of a new Rectory
3. Equipment: Phot-reproducer

B. What are the major opportunities that face this congregation?

Meet the changing urban situation and minister to it.

C. What are the major problems that face this congregation?

Reaching the unchurched.

D. What program needs seem evident on the basis of this Study?

Activity of the Laity.

E. What would be the approximate capital cost to meet these needs?

Except for the School-Parish House, there is no
capital outlay needed.

F. What would be the annual operating budget to maintain the program?
At this time it is difficult to say. Parochially, the same.

G. What steps are now being taken locally to meet these needs and opportunities?
Planning, meetings, discussions, operating committees,
drawings, organizational discussions all functioning
to this end.

H. What steps are now being taken by the diocese or district, or might be taken, to assist in meeting these needs and opportunities?
Support of the Parochial School (not financial) in
every way possible.

I. Further data or comment on the general needs and problems of this congregation:

None

The data in this report were furnished by the following committee:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>OCCUPATION</u>	<u>NUMBER OF YEARS IN PARISH</u>

Date completed: _____

Annual Report, Choir, Organ, Music Program 1963 - 10 January 1964

This report covers the last four months of 1963, although it is understood that an acceptable program of music at St. Peter's was carried out during the first eight months of the year.

Since September 1st the choir has undergone considerable revision, both in personnel and technique, yet remaining within the established framework of rehearsal and service schedule. At present there are 16 sopranos, 4 altos, 4 tenors and 4 basses and of this total of 28 members exactly half (14) are new this year. There has been a consistent effort to improve the tone, diction, balance and blend of the voices, and a fervent drive to improve deportment has begun to take effect. The genuine interest of both boys and men and their devotion to the assigned tasks has helped create a cohesive, workable unit.

Besides the regular services of worship the choir, (and the choir-boys in particular) participated in several outside activities, namely, three operas at the Academy of Music, a carol program at Christ Church Hospital, the annual program at Central Penn Bank, and a telecast on Christmas Day. All of these have been splendid opportunities for good public relations as well as wonderfully valuable experiences for each chorister. Future plans for the choir include a schedule of cantatas and special music during Lent and participation in a festival for Boy Choirs in April.

Regarding the organ, the main part (pipes, chests, case, etc.) is in excellent condition, and I do not recommend any changes in pipe work nor voicing. But it is quite well known that a new console is imperative at this time, and the section at the rear of the church (the echo organ) is in bad condition and needs replacing or rebuilding. Cost of a new console has been estimated at between \$8,000 and \$12,000, depending on the builder and design, and cost of the echo organ will be between \$2,500 and \$5,000. If we want the best work and results possible a budget of \$17,000 should be adopted. Organ building costs continue to rise, therefore the sooner a contract is negotiated the better for all concerned. As soon as the organ work is completed it is planned that a regular series of organ recitals shall be inaugurated so that our people and the public at large may enjoy the beauty of its sound.

A final word should be said in behalf of the new Choral Society. This group of mixed voices has met regularly since the first of November, and while small in numbers, there is genuine interest and devotion to singing good music. A plea is therefore made that more interest be shown by the people of St. Peter's and a concerted effort to build the membership from neighbors in our community be made. In this way we are being true missionaries, and stewards of the gifts and talents that God has bestowed upon us.

May I conclude with a word of thanks to the Rector, Vestry, staff and people of St. Peter's for the cordial reception I have enjoyed and for the many words and deeds of encouragement.

Respectfully,

Albert F. Robinson
Organist and Choirmaster

Publicity Committee Report - 1963

Publicity for St. Peter's Church and for St. Peter's School for Boys comes about in many ways and the writer wishes to make it clearly evident that much of it comes about outside of any committee action. Such taken-for-granted items as the weekly pew bulletins are, in a sense, 'publicity' but they are a routine activity of the Parish office. The monthly Parish Bulletin, if not directly classified as a 'publicity' item, can certainly be categorized as 'public relations' for members of the Parish and is, of course, splendidly developed by the Rector and his secretary, Miss Breidenfield. Newspaper ads for the Church appear regularly and the data for this, again, is constantly furnished from the Parish Office.

Certain specific items may be mentioned as having been accomplished in the past year. One is a leaflet entitled 'In His Name...' which was prepared for use in conjunction with the annual Every Member Canvass. For reasons of economy a considerable supply of these leaflets was prepared and they are in the tract rack at all times. It is hoped that Parish members may take every occasion to distribute these in any manner whatsoever to people who should know about St. Peter's activities. The historical leaflet about the church is still in supply and should be used to every advantage. Advertising budgets are extremely limited but a certain number of advertisements for St. Peter's School have been run during the year in the Church news and the Center City Philadelphia.

As will be seen by the foregoing, financial expenditures for the Parish, then, have been for newspaper announcements, printing of the pew bulletins, advertisements of the School and the printing of the leaflets and other incidentals.

Some of the best publicity for the Parish and the School is gotten by articles about both which are prepared by the Rector as opportunities present themselves and which appear in local publications such as those mentioned above. This kind of free publicity has extended itself in such ways as the handsome cover for the Center City Philadelphian which

shows four boys from the School. The only cost to the Parish for this was for the actual photography. In the same publication there appeared a short but useful item about the School.

Every member of the Parish is invited to suggest manners and means by which we may further inform the community of our activities.

Respectfully submitted,

Ramond A. Ballinger,
Publicity

Christ Church Hospital

Christ Church Hospital has moved steadily forward in its care of the ageing women of our Church during the past year. We closed the year with a total of 75 guests which is an increase over the total of any recent year.

Kearsley House has proved to be even more successful than we had dreamed it could become. Under a most skilled and dedicated head nurse our Infirmary and nursing services are the envy of other homes. It is significant however, that already, after only two years we are finding our needs for infirmary care have outstripped our facilities. If the present trend continues it is quite possible we may have to rethink our program as the infirm may easily outnumber the physically fit members of our family.

Thanks to the House Committee, of which Mrs. Joseph Fraser, Jr. is Chairman, the Home has never been in better condition or more efficiently set up as to usage of rooms and facilities. She and her committee have wrought many improvements during the year.

At year's end we found ourselves confronted with a very real problem as the Fire Marshal, at long last, ordered stairs enclosed throughout the building. This work, which is being directed by Mr. George B. Roberts, Chairman of Building and Grounds, is obligatory and will cost over \$20,000. Our only consolation is that we have an enviable record with State and City authorities and with the stairs enclosed we will meet all safety requirements of the authorities.

We enter the year of 1964 with the great hope that the parishioners of St. Peter's and of Christ Church will take an ever increasing and active interest in the work at Christ Church Hospital, our joint responsibility.

Respectfully submitted,

William R. Talbot

GIRLS FRIENDLY SOCIETY OF ST. PETER'S
ANNUAL REPORT, 1963

MEMBERSHIP - 17

FIVE (5) MEETINGS WERE HELD DURING 1963.

PROJECTS SUPPORTED:

FOREIGN MISSIONS:

BONTOC SCHOLARSHIP, PHILLIPINE ISLANDS

HOME MISSIONS:

DITTIE BAGS - SEAMENS CHURCH INSTITUTE.

NATIONAL:

\$2,000 PROJECT

DIocese OF PENNSYLVANIA

EPISCOPAL HOSPITAL GARDEN FETE
 CATHEDRAL GARDEN PARTY

ST. PETER'S PARISH

RECTOR'S DISCRETIONARY FUND
 ST. PETER'S ALTAR GUILD MEMORIAL FUND - IN
 MEMORY OF MRS. ELLEN GWIN.

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS: \$91.00

BALANCE IN TREASURY: \$26.35

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,
 HENRIETTA Y. HAINES
 TREASURER

EVERY MEMBER CANVASS

ANNUAL REPORT - 1963

THE COMMITTEE, UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF MR. C.
 NORMAN KUNZ, WAS MADE UP OF MESSRS.:

EARL LOVELACE
 LEONARD BROWN
 LOUIS WINDHOLZ
 FRED WITKOP

AND MET AT THE RECTORY IN SEPTEMBER, 1963 FOR A GENERAL DISCUSSION AND PLANNING MEETING. THREE OTHER MEETINGS WERE HELD. LOYALTY SUNDAY WAS SET FOR THE 10TH OF NOVEMBER. IT WAS DETERMINED THAT THE PRE-LOYALTY SUNDAY PROGRAM WOULD CONSIST OF A SERIES OF SERMONS EMPHASIZING STEWARDSHIP. LETTERS TO ENLIST THE AID OF WORKERS TO DO THE CONTACTING WERE PREPARED. AN ALL-OUT EFFORT WAS SCHEDULED TO CALL OR CONTACT EVERY MEMBER OF THE PARISH AND URGE THEM TO BE PRESENT ON NOVEMBER 10TH, AND MAKE THEIR PLEDGE. ON OCTOBER 27TH ALL WHO WERE TO WORK ON THE CANVASS WERE REQUESTED TO MEET BRIEFLY AFTER THE ELEVEN O'CLOCK SERVICE AND THE CARDS WERE DISTRIBUTED. ON NOVEMBER 10TH - LOYALTY SUNDAY - A LUNCHEON MEETING WAS HELD AFTER THE ELEVEN O'CLOCK SERVICE AND THE CARDS OF THOSE WHO HAD PLEDGED WERE CHECKED OFF AND THOSE LEFT WERE TO BE FOLLOWED UP BY THE CANVASSER HOLDING THE NAME.

THE RESULTS WERE MOST GRATIFYING. TWENTY ONE NEW PLEDGES WERE RECORDED, AND TOTAL PLEDGES INCREASED OVER 1963 BY 4, TO A NEW TOTAL OF 151 PLEDGES, AMOUNTING TO \$25,236.20.

HONESTY REQUIRES THAT THIS REPORT ALSO STATE THAT THE RESPONSE BY SOME OF THOSE ASKED TO HELP WAS DISCOURAGING - WHEN WE ARE ASKED TO HELP IN A JOB AND FAIL TO DO OUR PART, NOT ONLY ARE WE PUTTING AN ADDITIONAL BURDEN ON OUR NEIGHBORS, BUT WE ARE ALSO FAILING OUR LORD.

THE COMMITTEE EXTENDS ITS GRATITUDE AND THANKS TO ALL WHO HELPED, THOSE FAITHFUL AND LOYAL MEMBERS OF THE PARISH, WITHOUT WHOSE INCREASING EFFORTS NOTHING WOULD OR COULD BE DONE.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

C. NORMAN KUNZ
CHAIRMAN

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ST. PETER'S CAMP COMMITTEE
ANNUAL REPORT, 1963

IN 1963, THE CAMP COMMITTEE DECIDED TO MAINTAIN THE CAMP'S FACILITIES ON A STAND-BY BASIS. BECAUSE THE COMMITTEE ALSO FELT THAT EMPHASIS ON YOUTH ACTIVITIES OF THE PARISH SHOULD BE FOCUSED ON STRENGTHENING ST. PETER'S SCHOOL, RATHER THAN DIVERTING INTEREST TO THE EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES OF THE CAMP, THE 1963 SEASON WAS ONE OF REPAIRS TO EXISTING BUILDINGS, GATHERING OF ESTIMATES FOR VARIOUS DETAILS OF FUTURE EXPANSION OF THE CAMP'S FACILITIES (SWIMMING POOL, NEW DRIVEWAY, ADDITIONAL TENT PLATFORMS, NEW PERMANENT BUILDINGS FOR INDOOR LODGING, ETC.) AND THE USE OF THE CAMP BY SOME ADULT GROUPS FOR BRIEF VACATION VISITS, SUMMER WEEK-ENDS, AND A ST. PETER'S MEN'S WORK WEED-END.

SOME VERY GREATLY APPRECIATED FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS WERE MADE TO THE CAMP'S FUND, WHICH WERE INDIVIDUALLY ACKNOWLEDGED AT THE TIME; AND SOME KITCHEN EQUIPMENT, INCLUDING A LARGE TWO-DOOR REFRIGERATOR, WAS GIVEN THE CAMP BY THE DR. CHARLES DAILEY FAMILY JUST BEFORE THEY MOVED FROM PHILADELPHIA TO GEORGIA.

SPECIFIC PLANS FOR THE CAMP IN 1964 WILL BE DISCUSSED AT THE COMMITTEE'S MEETINGS IN FEBRUARY AND MARCH, BUT THE GENERAL PROGRAM FOR USE OF THE FACILITIES WILL BE MUCH THE SAME AS IN 1963, NAMELY - AVAILABILITY TO MEMBERS OF ST. PETER'S AND THEIR FAMILIES FOR FULL USE OF THE CAMP AT A NOMINAL DAILY CHARGE TO COVER OPERATING EXPENSES - (ELECTRICITY AND GAS); A PROPOSED MEN'S WEEK-END; PARISH RETREATS; AND THE GENERAL MAINTENANCE PROJECTS REQUIRED TO KEEP THE BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS IN GOOD SHAPE THROUGH 1964.

ANY INQUIRIES CONCERNING PARISHIONERS' USE OF THE CAMP DURING 1964 SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO THE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN: MR. RICHARD S. JOHNSON, 636 SPRUCE STREET (TELEPHONE - MARKET 7-5498 - EVENINGS), OR TO THE CHURCH OFFICE.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

RICHARD S. JOHNSON
CHAIRMAN

ST. PETER'S CHURCH.ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT - 1963

TO THE RECTOR, CHURCH WARDENS AND VESTRYMEN AND MEMBERS
OF ST. PETER'S CHURCH, PHILADELPHIA.

AS ACCOUNTING WARDEN OF ST. PETER'S CHURCH, I
HEREWITH REPORT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31,
1963.

THE 1963 BUDGET AS SET UP TURNED OUT TO BE QUITE
REALISTIC AND WE ARE PROUD OF THE FACT THAT MOST ACCOUNTS
BALANCED. ACCORDING TO OUR FISCAL AGENT - THE FIRST
PENNSYLVANIA BANKING AND TRUST COMPANY - WE ACTUALLY RE-
CEIVED \$29,845.60. THIS REPRESENTS ENDOWMENT FUND INTEREST
AND DIVIDENDS, PLEDGES, PLATE COLLECTIONS, SPECIAL
CHRISTMAS AND EASTER OFFERINGS, PEW RENTS, INCOME FROM
SPECIFIC BEQUESTS, ST. PETER'S SCHOOL FOR BOYS AND SUNDRY
MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS.

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS FOR THE YEAR 1963 FOR
SALARY TO CLERGY, ORGANIST AND CHOIR MEMBERS; SALARIES
FOR LAY WORKERS, PENSION FUND, CAR ALLOWANCE, INSURANCE,
GAS AND ELECTRIC, HEAT, TELEPHONE, ADVERTISING, PRINT-
ING, REPAIRS AND IMPROVEMENTS, COMMISSIONS TO FIRST
PENNSYLVANIA BANKING AND TRUST COMPANY FOR ACCOUNTING,
ETC., AMOUNTED TO \$55,305.44 - LEAVING A BALANCE ON
HAND OF \$4,540.16. WE STARTED 1963 WITH A BALANCE OF
\$436.96 - SO YOU MUST AGREE WE HAVE MADE SOME PROGRESS.
WE ARE HOPING WE WILL DO AS WELL IN 1964 - IN FACT WE
ARE PLANNING TO SET UP A FUND EQUAL TO 5% OF OUR BUDGET
TOWARDS ANY MAJOR REPAIRS THAT COULD HAPPEN AT ANY TIME.

THE PARISH MUST ALSO REALIZE THE ABOVE FIGURES
REPRESENT THE ENDOWMENT FUND PICKING UP THE ANNUAL OVER-
DRAFT FOR THE OPERATION OF ST. PETER'S SCHOOL FOR BOYS.

THE FINANCE COMMITTEE HELD THREE MEETINGS DUR-
ING THE YEAR, AVAILING THEMSELVES OF THE KNOWLEDGE AND
EXPERIENCE OF MR. GEORGE W. HEMPHILL, A VICE PRESIDENT
OF THE FIRST PENNSYLVANIA COMPANY. A FEW CHANGES WERE
AUTHORIZED BY THE COMMITTEE WHICH WILL PRODUCE ABOUT
\$300.00 PER ANNUM INCREASE IN INCOME.

THE VESTRY AUTHORIZED THE TRANSFER OF \$2,000.00
FROM ST. PETER'S HOUSE ACCOUNT TO THE PRINCIPAL ACCOUNT
OF THE ENDOWMENT FUND, BEING THE BALANCE DUE ON THE LOAN
MADE SEVERAL YEARS AGO FOR THE REHABILITATION OF THE
RECTORY.

LIKewise, UPON VESTRY RECOMMENDATION, THE SUM OF
\$1,000.00 WAS TRANSFERRED FROM THE CHURCH YARD ACCOUNT

TO THE PRINCIPAL ACCOUNT OF THE ENDOWMENT FUND, ALSO
BEING THE FINAL PAYMENT AGAINST LOAN MADE A FEW YEARS
AGO.

THE 1964 BUDGET WAS APPROVED BY THE VESTRY AT
THE DECEMBER 17, 1963 MEETING - COPY ATTACHED HERETO.

FRANK E. SEYMOUR
ACCOUNTING WARDEN

PROPOSED BUDGET - 1964

INCOME:

ENDOWMENT FUND.....	\$26,000.00
PLEDGES.....	25,000.00
PLATE COLLECTIONS.....	2,500.00
SPECIAL (EASTER, CHRISTMAS).....	2,000.00
INCOME FROM SPECIFIC BEQUESTS.....	950.00
PEW RENTS.....	200.00
ST. PETER'S SCHOOL FOR BOYS.....	7,500.00
	<u>\$64,150.00</u>

DISBURSEMENTS:

ARCHITECT'S FEE.....	\$ 2,000.00
REPAIRS & IMPROVEMENTS.....	2,000.00
CLERGY.....	9,000.00
CAR ALLOWANCE.....	600.00
CHURCH SECRETARY & SEXTONS..	7,500.00
CHOIR SALARIES, MUSIC.....	3,000.00
CHOIRMASTER.....	4,000.00
ORGAN MAINTENANCE.....	250.00
DIOCESAN ASSESSMENTS.....	1,355.00
PENSIONS.....	1,500.00
INSURANCE.....	1,600.00
ADVERTISING.....	1,000.00
PRINTING.....	500.00
POSTAGE & OFFICE EXPENSE.....	1,000.00
COMMISSIONS TO BANK.....	2,000.00
HEAT.....	1,000.00
GAS & ELECTRIC.....	750.00
TELEPHONE.....	400.00
SOCIAL SECURITY..	375.00
MISCELLANEOUS.....	200.00
ALTAR GUILD.....	300.00
MISSIONS.....	5,000.00
A.D.T. FIRE ALARM RENTAL.....	300.00
ST. PETER'S SCHOOL.....	15,500.00
MAJOR MEDICAL PREMIUMS.....	353.00
	<u>\$61,483.00</u>

Buildings and Grounds

This report, as in other years, will be given in four parts; the church building, the churchyard, the school and parish house building and the rectory or St. Peter's House. During the past year each of the sections have been placed under special subcommittees and then carry out the work which is approved by the Vestry.

Reporting on the church building we can state that the physical condition is far sounder than reported last year. The great palladium window has been completely restored and the east exterior woodwork painted. The two upper sets of windows in the tower have been put in condition and painted. The organ case has been scrubbed down as was the pulpit and sounding board. The general maintenance has been extremely good and interior is in sound condition. As we enter the year of 1964 we are faced with the need for a complete painting program on the exterior woodwork of the church. This will involve the north, west and south sides of the building and the tower and spire. This work is a must for 1964 and it is hoped that the windows can be thoroughly puttied and caulked on the inside, as well as the outside, when the painting is done. There is a situation of peeling plaster in the gallery but this may have to wait until the interior is painted in the future. As the Music Committee will report, there is a pressing need for further work on the organ and thus that committee will make a recommendation for this work.

The churchyard is in excellent condition despite the fact that there was serious vandalism during the summer. The greatest damage was the wrecking of 30 headstones. All stones which could be saved were reset and those which were beyond saving were carefully recorded. There are three major projects underway for the new year; a study of more adequate lighting, a study of available space in the graveyard for further burials, and a program of long range planting in the entire churchyard.

The buildings along Lombard Street are to be an ever present problem. Thanks to the untiring work of the volunteer painting team, the interior is in better shape paintwise than it has been for a long time. This committee also made possible a new floor in the first floor halls and the ladies contributed new curtains in the auditorium. We have the usual problems of bad plaster, leaking roofs and frequent failures of the plumbing and heating systems. Our only hope is to keep the ship afloat until the new buildings can take actual form along the Lombard Street frontage. These new facilities must be realized before too long if we are to function as a Parish and as a School.

With regard to St. Peter's house we may have to wait for the demolition of 315 Pine Street to do any extensive work. We are happy to start the new year with this demolition completed. We closed the year of 1963 with the loan from the General Endowment Fund paid off in full and with a balance in accumulated income to do the necessary interior and exterior work on the house.

Inconclusion, the properties are in sound condition, with the exception of the Lombard Street buildings. St. Peter's House will shortly be in good condition inside and outside and with the program of exterior painting on the church we should be well advanced in our longrange schedule of maintenance of our property during 1964.

This report would not be complete without once more emphasizing the imperative and urgent need for constructive thinking on the part of every member of the parish in regard to the developing of a program along Lombard Street. The future of the parish and the school depends on long range thinking and preparing for action as soon as possible.

Respectfully submitted,

William R. Talbot
Chairman

Redevelopment Committee

There is considerable to report for the Committee on Redevelopment in the past year.

In the Spring of 1963, the Authority asked for a more up-to-date plot plan of a proposal for the use of the land on the corner of 4th and Lombard Streets. They advised us that the five houses on 4th Street and the five houses on Lombard Street had been condemned and that the owners were given notice to evacuate. A few weeks saw the houses empty and the doors and windows boarded up. Demolition was to follow, and those who have walked that way recently have seen that that phase has begun.

Your Chairman, therefore, drew up a new plan much more complete than that of several years ago when we were first told of the possibility to become the owners of this additional property which would complete the block bounded by 4th, Pine, 3rd and Lombard Streets. I hope that the parishioners have had opportunity to see this still theoretical solution. Broadly simplified it embodied a new school, Parish House with Rectory and Parish Office's, provision for a Church School, a new rectory with Garden and garage and a small utility parking area.

We are pleased to report that the Authority looked with approval on our new proposals and incorporated them into their general scheme. We now wait for their next move as an offer of sale of this land to us and we are encouraged to believe that the funds which the Vestry have had earmarked for this project may be ample for the purchase.

It should be reported that quite recently one of the agencies for the preservation of important landmarks was openly critical of St. Peter's for not having taken steps to save at least one of those

houses on Lombard Street which had been a property of some importance and although it had had very bad usage, was still reclaimable at the time the old owners had evacuated it. This criticism was unjustified in the face of the advice and information given us from the first proposals whereby we could not have purchased any of the houses under the Redevelopment Authority and are, even now, not in any sense owners. It is also true that by the time this criticism was brought to light, the properties in question had been ruthlessly vandalized and any kind of restoration would be most costly, as our ideal planning to serve the best interests of our Parish life would have been impossible had we been forced to plan around a single remaining house.

We have also been keenly interested in the demolition work so presently evident at 315 Pine Street. This project represents the most southerly plot of the much talked of 'Greenway' which will make possible a landscaped walkway which will connect our famous historical Church property directly to the Park system surrounding Independence Hall.

There will undoubtedly be adjustments to our present Rectory at 313 both concerning our west wall and certain property involvements to our north, but your Vestry and Committee are alert to see that St. Peter's best interests will be served on all counts.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph T. Fraser, Jr.
Chairman

The Women of St. Peter's

The Women of St. Peter's met in the daytime twice a month during 1963, and during June it was decided that an evening group should be started in the Fall. As a result, that group is now functioning very satisfactorily.

Sewing has been done during this past year - curtains for the Auditorium, Common Room and Miss B's office. Sewing was also done for Episcopal Hospital. A few afghans were made for the ladies of Christ Church Hospital, \$100 was sent to them for special shoes and thanks to Mrs. Nicholson, a wheelchair was provided for their dining room.

Once in April and again in October, we brought the Christ Church Hospital ladies in for luncheon and entertainment. We were the host church for the Prayer and Worship group. We sponsored the coffee hours.

We hope our role of hospitality will appeal to more and more women, both personally and financially.

Mary J. Seymour

Altar Guild

The seventeen members of the Altar Guild are women, chosen by the Rector, who have promised to serve faithfully and devoutly in the fulfillment of their duties.

Miss Naomi Klaus has asked that she be relieved of her duty as Serviter, due to her health. However, she is still an active member of the Guild.

Four meetings are held each year.

During 1963 the Altar Cross, Processional Cross, Candlesticks and Missal Stand were refinished and treated with a process to preserve the new finish.

Purchases for the year consist, mainly, of Plastic Covers for the needlepoint kneeling cushions and a Verger's Robe.

Communion wafers and wine were given as memorials.

Altar Guild Memorial Fund

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St. Peter's Altar Guild Memorial Book is on display in the Vestry Room. Inscription of the names of those for whom memorials have been given have been completed to All Saint's Day, 1963.

Altar Guild Memorial Financial Statement

Balance, January 1, 1963	\$674.75
Receipts, 1963	<u>146.81</u>
TOTAL	\$821.56
Expenditures	<u>124.00</u>
BALANCE, Jan. 1, 1964	\$697.56

Helen M. Crawford

Evening Group-1963

In 1963 for the first time, the Women of St. Peter's organized an evening program. So that the women unable to attend daytime meetings would have a chance to get to know each other better, and could participate in the women's activities of the Church. It was agreed that there would be one meeting a month.

In September, a pot-luck supper followed by a penny auction of selected treasures provided the opportunity to announce the start of the series of talks sponsored by the evening group. The underlying theme for the program has been 'The Church in the Changing City'. Speaking in October was Mr. Henry McCorkle, Editor of the Episcopalian and in November, Mrs. Henry Gideon, Director of the Church Work Among the Blind, sponsored by the Episcopal Community Services.

In keeping with the Christmas season, the December meeting started at Evening Prayer after which Mr. Robinson spoke about the music of the Church.

In 1964, monthly meetings are continuing. Everyone is invited to come.

MARCIA J. ROGERS

Women of St. Peter's Church

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Financial Report

1963

RECEIPTS

Jan. 1	Balance Forward	\$244.15
	Pa. Co. Trust Funds (Missionary Aid)	94.25
	Receipts from Annual Appeal 1963	329.00
	Donation from Mrs. Virginia Roberts	25.00
	From Miscellaneous Fund	22.77
	Total	715.17

EXPENDITURES

	To Supply Department-Church House	\$ 94.25
Jan. 9	To Mrs. Virginia Roberts (Coffee Hour)	50.00
11	Project 2000 Girls Friendly Society	25.00
26	Elizabeth Price Martin League	8.00
Mar. 13	Furniture for the Common Room	67.43
Apr. 24	Luncheon for Ladies of Christ Church Hosp.	23.49
May 18	Hangings and cushions for Miss Breidenfelds office	14.53
May 11	Gift for Mrs. Iliffe, Sect'y, (retiring after 14 years of service)	9.50
Sept. 11	For Afghan wool	6.00
Sept. 11	Mrs. Virginia Roberts (Coffee Hour)	50.00
Oct. 12	Episcopal Churchwomen, Diocese of Pa. for yearly contribution to Diocesan, Overseas Div, Home Div. Christian Social Relation and Maintenance Fund	65.00
Oct. 12	Mrs. George Drexler for socks for Riverview	25.00
Oct. 12	John Wanamaker (2 lamps for Common Room)	21.98
Oct. 12	South Phila. Convocation	10.00
Oct. 12	Seamen's Church Institute membership	3.00
Nov. 20	Second luncheon for ladies of Christ Church Hospital	18.35
		<u>\$491.53</u>

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Miscellaneous Items

Jan. 9	Altar Guild Memorial Fund (in lieu of flowers for Mrs Stephen Baughan in hospital)	7.50
Mar. 7	Postage for Annual Appeal	5.00
Sept. 11	8 months checking account charge @ .25/mo	2.00
Sept. 30	Altar Guild Memorial Fund (Mrs. John Gwin)	10.00
Dec. 6	Floral arrangement to the Koci' for their 5th anniversary at St. Peter's Church	8.93
Dec. 22	Flowers to Miss Pauline D. Bowie for Christmas	7.50
	Total Expenses 1963	532.46

Total Receipts 1963	\$715.17
Total Expenses 1963	<u>532.46</u>
BALANCE ON HAND, Dec.31, '63	182.71

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Dorcas Fund

Jan. 1 Balance Forward

\$216.45

Receipts

Pa. Co. Trust Funds 1963

129.79

Total Receipts

346.24ExpendituresApril 24 Drapery hardware and shades for Common Room 19.92Total Expenses 19.92

Balance on hand

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326.32

Shoe Fund

1963

Jan. 1 Balance Forward

\$ 86.12

Receipts

Pa. Co. Trust Funds 1963

106.12Total Receipts \$192.24Expenditures

Dec. 6 To Christ Church Hospital

Balance on hand Dec. 31

\$100.00

92.24

Respectfully submitted,

Isabelle W. Nicholson,
Treasurer

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Custodian Report

St. Peter's Church has two In-Gatherings a year. One in the Spring and one in the Fall. The Report for the year 1963 is as follows:

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April 30th.	Balance on hand	\$17.01
	Receipts from Spring In-Gathering	219.44
	Receipts from Fall In-Gathering	<u>215.16</u>
	Total	451.61

Spring In-Gathering	41 contributors
Fall In-Gathering	48 contributors

Expenditures

1963

May 16th	To Diocesan Spring In-Gathering	\$220.00
Nov. 20th	To Diocesan Fall In-Gathering =	<u>220.00</u>
	Total Expenditures	\$440.00

Balance on hand - December 31, 1963 \$ 11.61

Respectfully submitted,

Edna F. Chapman,
Custodian

Having found St. Peter's in an area of slums, small businesses and factories with a tradition of another age and an outlook that the Church must maintain that scheme of operation, a plan had to be devised to meet the situation.

At the same time, a plan of redevelopment for the area was being devised by the city that would completely change the area to a special residential neighborhood that would pretty much eliminate residents with incomes below \$25,000 per year. This cultural and economic phenomenon would further be set apart by city planning of ringing the area with high-speed expressways of multi lanes in all four directions of the compass. In effect then, the area was to become an island running approximately six blocks north and south and twenty blocks east and west.

In this area are six Episcopal Churches and at least that many of other denominations; one being in the next block to St. Peter's. There are also, in the immediate neighborhood, hospitals, student residences and a growing number of apartments. The census of children in the parochial area is and has been very low (public school planned for 800 has only 250 with no other schools). In addition, during this transition period the family living in the above described area who would have children, were moved to make space for the redevelopment project.

After much thought about the above factors a plan for St. Peter's was devised. Though it is an extremely significant Parish in the history of the Church in America, the missionary enterprise of the Church, and architecturally is one of the finest in the country, it was decided to be thankful for this background but not to

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have it be the cause for the continued existence of the Parish. Instead, a program of worships and ministry has been inaugurated within the immediate geographic area of the Church.

Step #1 and still going on: To bring the fabric of the Church and its buildings and grounds up to a proper level both for preservation and in keeping with the glory of God "where we worship in the beauty of holiness". This phase will have to go on about five more years, for conditions were quite deplorable. Church, school and rectory all are in these plans. There have been some interesting and exciting times. Much in the school building having been done by parish volunteers despite this approach being contrary to the past traditions.

Step #2 and still going on: To find out who the Parish was, where they lived, what their status was in connection to St. Peter's. About 300 were removed after visits, calls, letters, sorted out addresses and the like and in many cases transfers were suggested.

At the same time, a more realistic E.M.C. was established and continues, whose purpose is to cause the members to understand they are the Church. Also, that part of their responsibility in this era of changing economic patterns is to support the Church financially. It had always been done by a few extremely wealthy. This phase of "who the Church is" has been quite successful. All debts have been paid and much has been spent to bring fabric and material up to par while keeping the missionary level intact.

Step #3: Reorganization of the school from a Choir to Co-ed Day School.

Survey undertaken with renown educators and a pattern set. Implementation has been going forward steadily and successfully. Land being bought from the city to give the Church a square city block. A new school complex and ground use plan has been established. A school for 200 students, grades nursery to 9, being a part of long-range plans. This school will serve the corridor area described and handle the increased number of families moving into the area. The facts show this is happening.

Step #4: To make the Parish a family Parish. The pews (square) are perfect for this and children are encouraged to come with parents. Parish activities such as pot-luck suppers, picnics on the grounds, harvest festival, work parties, have been held. Lay participation in worship services has been added. The interest, enthusiasm and friendliness, whether at coffee hour or after a worship service has been magnificent. To add to this and as a means of communicating ideas and activities to all, a monthly bulletin of 6 to 8 pages is mailed out and the Family Plan for "The Episcopalian" has been in effect three years.

Step #5: Missionary Enterprise. A plan of outreach has been inaugurated to the immediate neighborhood. Three hospitals are visited a minimum of once a week and all members of the Episcopal Church called upon. This does reach farther when nurses on special cases request the Chaplain call upon their particular patients for counselling and ministrations. In addition, the Holy Communion is taken to all sick who want it in the hospitals on Sunday mornings. A program where St. Peter's acts as Chaplain to all non-Roman student nurses is in operation and a bi-monthly

discussion group is conducted dealing with professional problems of concern to students (i.e. suffering, pain, death etc. is explored and discussed).

In addition, a Chaplaincy program to a girls' residence that ^{is} church affiliated, has been established and counselling goes on there. Work with an area youth program of the city for counselling of the potential delinquent goes on regularly.

Meanwhile, the facilities of auditorium and meeting rooms are made available to the area resident's association and the play yard and facilities for exercise, outdoors of the school has been made available to the few children of the neighborhood.

Of increasing number are the cases of counselling and help being given to the residents of the area regardless of color, denomination or Creed.

This program, well-launched and under way, has resulted in a new and healthy spirit within the Parish. It has given new meaning and purpose. It had made the Church relevant to faith "in" and "out" of the Church. It has begun to make the members and those who come into the neighborhood feel there is a reason for existence of St. Peter's.

Meanwhile, of course, the regular program of worship, teaching, ministering to the people who are a part of the Parish, goes on in ever increasing number and frequency. About 350 worship services a year, Lenten study program, communion to the sick, are just a part of the whole program of ministering to the spiritual needs of the people.

These are the steps of the program of St. Peter's as it now is. As circumstances, events and situations change, St. Peter's stands ready to meet them.

As the average age of the members has dropped from somewhere at about 65 to around 40 years of age and the program changed, so it will continue to change as the needs present themselves. The Parish has a living Spirit of joy and concern (of course, it could always be better) so it will be willing and ready to meet the will of God in those who reside in its Parochial boundaries.

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REPORTED MEMBERSHIP FROM MAPS

St. Peter's Church submitted a map on which the places of residence of 217 persons or families were shown. It is not clear whether the figure does represent individuals or family units. The Church Self-Study Form reports a total of 193 families and individuals, a figure not too far removed from 217. The Diocesan Journal and the Church Self-Study Form both give 326 as the baptized membership. That evidence suggests that the 217 represents families and unrelated individuals. The pattern of distribution of the membership map, however, strongly suggests that it shows individuals. It seems somewhat unlikely that there would be four separate families belonging to St. Peter's Church and living in Glenolden in Delaware County. A similar comment applies to the three individuals or families reported for Census Tract D-4 in Upper Darby Township. There is also a pairing or a tripling of darts in many of the census tracts throughout the City of Philadelphia, a reporting which suggests individuals rather than families.

In any event, the pattern of distribution for St. Peter's membership is the same, whether the darts represent families or individuals.

The largest single grouping of St. Peter's members is to be found between South and Chestnut, extending from the Delaware River to the Schuylkill. The very heaviest concentration is to be found east of Seventh Street. St. Peter's membership distribution combines some of the characteristics of a neighborhood congregation with those of a metropolitan parish: a concentration in a small area and a widespread distribution throughout the city and surrounding suburbs.

MEMBERSHIP DISTRIBUTION TABLE

PARISH PHILADELPHIA

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CENSUS TRACT OR AREA	NUMBER OF MAPPED MEMBERS	PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL MAPPED MEMBERSHIP
D 8 4	1	5
D 4	3	13
D 3 5	4	18
D 7 6	1	5
D 4 7	1	5
M 4 0 A	1	5
1 B	5	23
3 A	1	5
4 A	6	27
X 5 A	36	165
6 A	5	23
7 A	12	55
7 C	14	64
8 A	2	9
8 B	9	41
8 C	4	18
8 D	5	23
9 B	3	13
1 0 B	2	9
1 5 B	4	18
2 1 R	1	5
2 3 E	2	9
2 3 I	1	5
2 5 A	2	9
2 5 B	1	5
2 6 E	3	13
2 7 B	2	9
2 7 C	2	9
3 4 P	3	13
3 5 D	1	5
3 6 B	2	9
3 6 F	2	9
3 8 A	2	9
3 9 A	6	27
3 9 B	1	5
3 9 C	1	5
3 9 D	1	5
4 0 A	1	5
4 2 B	2	9
4 3 A	1	5
4 3 E	1	5
4 5 G	1	5
4 6 A	6	27
4 6 G	1	5
4 6 H	2	9
4 8 A	1	5
4 8 B	1	5
4 9 A	1	5
4 9 F	1	5
4 9 G	1	5
5 0 M	1	5
5 0 N	2	9
5 1 D	1	5
5 1 E	2	9
5 2 A	1	5

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VITAL STATISTICS

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PARISH ST. PETER
COUNTY PHILADELPHIA

TOWN PHILADELPHIA
DIOCESE PENNSYLVANIA

	1940	1945	1950	1955	1960	1961	1962	1963
Baptized Members	850	850	758	479	431	367	353	326
Communicants	631	616	513	371	352	342	311	271
Church School	86	33	51	44	20	20	27	11
Baptisms	22	15	18	9	5	6	5	4
Percentage of Communicants	3.5	2.4	3.5	2.4	1.4	1.8	1.6	1.5
Confirmations	20	13	17	13	13	9	13	7
Percentage of Communicants	3.2	2.1	3.3	3.5	3.7	2.6	4.2	2.6
Parochial Expenditures 1	22,243	24,059	31,858	42,125	40,782	44,659	56,140	53,997
Special Par. Expenditures 2	23,771	39,664	56,548	6,977	4,744	7,805	6,072	7,680
Extra-parochial Expenditures 3	6,570	12,064	7,743	28,627	29,128	18,635	5,230	5,507
Total Reported Expenditures	52,584	75,787	96,149	77,729	74,654	71,099	67,442	67,184
Expenditures per Communicant	83.33	123.03	187.42	209.51	212.09	207.89	216.86	247.91
Extra-parochial Expenditures per Communicant	10.41	19.58	15.09	77.16	82.75	54.49	16.82	20.32

- 1 Includes clergy salary, current expense, pension premium, and Diocesan assessment.
- 2 Special parish purposes, including capital expenditures.
- 3 Includes Church's Program, special outside.

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DATA ON THE CONGREGATION

The Episcopal Census for St. Peter's Church gives information on only 100 persons, a proportion of respondents to the total membership which is not large enough for a statistical analysis to be valid. If the congregation wishes to take a more complete census of itself, the General Division of Research and Field Study will process the results as time is available.